Loan rates will increase in '80

By TOM CONRAD

Grade loan rates which producers will receive for Virginia fire-cured tobacco and sun-cured tobacco will be higher than last year.

The schedule for type 21 Virginia fire-cured tobacco is based on the average level of support of 98.9 cents per pound, about 8.5 cents higher than 1979.

The schedule for type 37 sun-cured tobacco is based on the average level of support of 88.0 cents per pound, about 7.6 cents higher than 1979.

Under the program only the original producer is eligible to receive loans on the tobacco. Tobacco graded "No-G" (no grade), "U" (unsound) or scrap will not be accepted.

Conservation funds available: Cost-share funds are available for fall conservation practices. On Oct. 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year, the county was allocated $9,099 for the agricultural conservation program.

ACP funds are used to share up to 75 percent of farmers' costs for conservation measures to conserve soil, water and energy and abate pollution. I encourage farmers to perform these practices where needed and we will assist them with cost-share payments if they are unable to afford them on their own.

For the first time this year, program funds will cover energy conservation practices. USDA is expanding energy conservation because of the cost of fuel, fertilizer and ag-chemicals is almost one-fifth of each farmer's expenses. Farmers are encouraged to intensify their past efforts and save energy through proven conservation practices.

The ACP is designed to save soil, conserve water, improve woodlands, eliminate pollution in lakes and streams, and conserve energy. Appomattox county farmers have applied such practices on more than 1,000 acres of farmland during the past year.

Program applications are now being accepted at the ASCS office.

ASCS TODAY
By Tom Conrad

BILL BURKE, MANAGER of Lawson Ford is shown with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hall and their new 1980 Model "A" reproduction. (Photo by Frances H. Paulette)

Memories rekindled at Lawson

Old memories were recalled for customers of Lawson Ford on Nov. 1.

Bill Burke, general manager of Lawson Ford, delivered three 1980 Model "A" reproductions to Mr. Warren Hall, Mr. Bill Carter and Mr. Fred Heptinstall, all of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Mason Banton of Appomattox.

The 1929 replicas were ordered nearly two years ago from Shay Reproductions of Battle Creek, Mich.

The cars are built on a Ford train, and the bodies are molded from fibre glass.

Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealers were the only authorized dealers to handle the reproductions.

"It was a very exciting day at Lawson Ford," said Burke, "Especially for the owners of the brand new Model A's".

Pamplin Elementary Menus

Mon., Nov. 17 - Teacher Work Day.

Tues., Nov. 18 - Corn dogs, french fries, buttered corn, cookies, chilled milk.

Wed., Nov. 29 - Pepperoni Pizza, tossed salad, fresh fruit, cookie, chilled milk.

Thurs., Nov. 20 - Ham, burgers, buttered whole potatoes, sliced tomatoes, chilled milk.

Fri., Nov. 21 - Roast Turkey w/dressing, candied sweet potatoes, buttered green peas, cranberry sauce, rolls, chilled milk.

Mon., Nov. 24 - Tomato soup, peanutbutter sand., carrot sticks, fruit, cookie, chilled milk.

Tues., Nov. 25 - Hot dog w/chili, blackeye peas, buttered corn, fruit, chilled milk.

Wed., Nov. 26 - Bologna, pork and beans, crispy cole slaw, hot biscuits, chilled milk.

Wed. Nov. 5 - Sausage pattie, whipped potatoes, turnip greens, apple sauce, hot biscuit, chilled milk.

Thurs., Nov. 6 - Hot dogs, golden french fries, buttered green beans, chilled milk, jello, cookie.

Fri., Nov. 7 - Fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green garden peas, sliced bread, chilled milk.

Mon., Nov. 10 - Hot turkey roll w/gravy, green blackeye peas, baked tomatoes, hot roll, chilled milk.

Tues., Nov. 11 - Meatloaf, buttered corn, fruit, cookie, hot biscuit, chilled milk.

Wed., Nov. 12 - Bologna Sandwich, Tomato Soup w/crackers, strawberry short cake, chilled milk.

Thurs., Nov. 13 - Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, green beans, chilled milk.

Fri., Nov. 14 - Batter dip fish, crispy potato tots, turnip greens, biscuits, chilled milk.

Mail dates released

For those with relatives in the armed services stationed overseas or others living in foreign countries, it's not too early to plan for Christmas mailing, according to Postmaster O.S. McCoy.

Military Mail cutoff deadlines are:

OCTOBER

27 - Surface parcels to Australia, Far East and South East/Asia.

NOVEMBER

3 - Space Available Mail (SAM) and surface parcels to the Mid East.

10 - Surface parcels to Africa, Central/South America and Europe. Space Available Mail (SAM) to Africa, Australia, Central/Sout America and South East/Asia. Parcel Airlift (PAL) mail to Mid East.

14 - Surface parcels to Caribbean/West Indies. Parcel Airlift (PAL) mail to Sout East/Asia.

17 - Parcel Airlift (PAL) mail to Africa, Australia and Central/South America.

21 - Space Available Mail (SAM) to Europe and Far East.

24 - Surface parcels to Greenland and Iceland. Space Available Mail (SAM) to Caribbean/West Indies, Greenland and Iceland.

28 - Parcel Airlift (PAL) mail to Europe and Far East.

DECEMBER

1 - Surface parcels to Alaska and Hawaii. Space Available Mail (SAM) to Alaska. Parcel Airlift (PAL) mail to Caribbean/West Indies, Greenland and Iceland. Letters to Australia, Central/South America, South East/Asia.

DECEMBER

1 - Priority Mail to Australia, Central/So u t h America and South East/Asia.

5 - Letters to Mid East. Priority Mail to Mid East.

8 - Parcel Airlift (PAL) mail to Alaska. Letters to Africa and Greenland. Priority Mail to Africa and Greenland.

12 - Priority Mail to Europe and Far East. Letters to Europe and Far East.

14 - Letters to Iceland. Priority mail to Iceland.

15 - Letters to Alaska, Hawaii and Caribbean/West Indies. Priority Mail to Alaska, Hawaii and Caribbean/West Indies.

International Mail cutoff deadlines are:

OCTOBER

27 - Surface parcels to Australia, Far East, Southeast Asia, Southeast Africa and West Africa.

NOVEMBER

3 - Surface parcels to Mid East.

10 - Surface parcels to Central/South America, Europe and North and Northwest Africa.

14 - Surface parcels to Caribbean/West Indies.

28 - Air parcels to North and Northwest Africa, Australia, Mid East, Southeast Africa and West Africa.

DECEMBER

1 - Air parcels to Central/South America and Southeast Asia. Airmail letters/cards to Australia, Central/South America and Southeast Asia.

5 - Airmail letters/cards to Mid East.

8 - Air parcels to Europe and Far East. Airmail letters and cards to North and Northwest Africa, Southeast Africa and West Africa.

12 - Air parcels to Caribbean/West Indies. Airmail letters/cards to Europe and Far East.

15 - Airmail letters/cards to Caribbean/West Indies.

Maxwell is guest

The Rev. Wilbur G. Maxwell was guest speaker at the Douglas Presbyterian Church in Prince Edward County for their recent homecoming service.

The Rev. Maxwell was minister for the Douglas Presbyterian, Davis Memoiral and Bethlehem Churches in the mid-1960's. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Maxwell of Pamplin, he and his wife are living in Pageland, S.C. They are the parents of two children, Billy and Anne.

From Ag. Position

William Dudley retires

William C. Dudley, who has served as assisant supervisor of agricultural education in the Virginia Department of Education since 1946, retired October 31.

Dudley, 65, a native of Montgomery County, has devoted his entire professional career of 44 years to public education in Virginia. Following graduation from Christiansburg High School, he attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he earned the bachelor's degree in agricultural education. He later received the master's degree from the University of Virginia.

He taught vocational agriculture in Amherst County for five years. He then became teacher of agriculture in the Appomattox and Pamplin high schools, where he taught until 1946. In April of 1946 he was appointed area supervisor of agricultural education for Southside Virginia with headquarters in Appomattox.

In 1967 he was named "Man of the Year in Forestry" by the Virginia Forestry Association. In 1973 the national organization of Future Farmers of America awarded him its highest honor, the Honrary American Farmer Degree.

Dudley is married to the former Margaret Ligon of Appomattox County. They have one son, W. C. Dudley, III, and one grandson, W. C. Dudley, IV.

Portraits planned

The residents of Appomattox County will have the opportunity to have individual or family portraits made this weekend at the Appomattox County High School in the music room.

The hours are: Friday, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Anyone who is interested, is encouraged to make an appointment by calling one of the following telephone numbers, 352-7639 or 352-8995.

Each portrait will be 8" x 10" in size and will cost $5.00. They will be returned approximately two to three weeks before Christmas. Additional pictures may be ordered if desired.

This offer is being sponsored by the ACHS Hand Boosters for the purpose of buying dress gloves to complete the new marching band uniforms.

Boosters plan meet

The Appomattox County High School Athletic Boosters Club will meet on Monday evening, Nov. 17 at 7:30 in the ACHS library.

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A Question Of

Law

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is one in a series of questions and answers regarding the law which the Times-Virginian will provide as a public service to its readers each month. The monthly column is written by Albert Teich, Jr., professor of Business Law at Old Dominion University. TV 35 - 1 col inside.

QUESTION: A couple of months ago, my neighbor went into bankruptcy. What I want to know is, how is it that my neighbor can still keep his Cadillac, house, and furniture, and still live just as he was living before he went into bankruptcy?

ANSWER: Your neighbor obviously did some very careful financial planning before going bankrupt. The United States Bankruptcy law does not require a bankrupt to lose everything. Every person is allowed an exemption. In Virginia, the homestead exemption is $5000, and that can consist of equity in an automobile, cash, equity in a home, stocks, bonds, furniture, or any other type of valuable property. In some other states which follow the federal exemption, the amount is greater. Other states allow the bankrupt to keep his home free and clear from the claims of non-mortgage creditors even if the home might be valued way up in what is often referred to as "box car figures," i.e., $250,000 or greater.

If your neighbor is married, and he and his wife own their home as tenants by the entireties with the right of survivorship as at common law, and only he went bankrupt, he and his wife can keep the house as long as the monthly payments are being made. In such a case, it is often advanteageous to place only one spouse in bankruptcy at a time. That way, they have a greater chance to keep the house and all of their equity in it. After six months have expired, the wife, if necessary, can go bankrupt. They can still keep the house as long as they make the house payments. They can not avoid paying for the house. They might be keeping the car by reaffirming the car loan. The car probably was not paid for in the first place.

Therefore, we see how they can keep their house, car, and $5000 of other property.

Virginia has one other exemption that can be of value. It is known as the "Poor Debtor's Exemption." Every householder is allowed to keep free and clear from claims of their creditors such things as clothing, bed linens, carpets, a stove, and various other items of furniture, as well as a bushel of wheat.

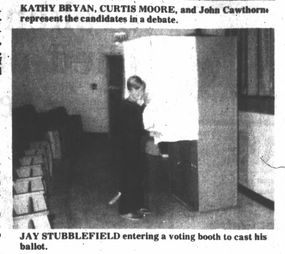
Hist. Soc. to meet

The Appomattox County Historical Society will meet Monday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Extension Office located next to the Post Office on Court Street.

Dr. C. G. O'Brien will be the speaker for the evening.

Everyone is invited to attend.

KATHY BRYAN, CURTIS MOORE, and John Cawthorn represent the candidates in a debate.



JAY STUBBLEFIELD entering a voting booth to cast his ballot.

Local kids like Reagan

It was no trick on Friday, Oct. 31 as 744 students, faculty, cafeteria workers, custodians and office personnel voted in a Mock Presidential Election.

The election was conducted by students enrolled in the Gifted and Talented Program. Voting booths were built by the students and set up in the auditorium.

Each class was assigned electoral votes and each voter was required to register before voting. Reagan received 437 popular votes while Carter received 246 popular votes. Independent candidates received 51 votes. Reagan received 440 electoral votes; Carter received 89 electoral votes.

On Tuesday students in the Gifted and Talented Program at A328 observed the voting process at the Court House, as they watched campaigners outside the Court House, viewed the voting booths and toured several government buildings.

Politics affect energy

Projections of our national energy future as developed by the Department of Energy are based upon world conditions remaining pretty much the same as they are today, with no major political upheavals that might drastically alter some of our present sources of energy, particularly imported oil. For years to come, we will still be dependent to a great extent upon imported oil.

The area in which much of the world supply of oil is located-Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia (collectively, the Persian Gulf)-has always been religiously, politically and economically ustable. So far, with the exception of the 1973 oil embargo, conflicts in this area have had a minimum of disruptive effects on the supply of oil in the world.

However, as world oil supply becomes tighter, it may well be that such conflicts will increase in frequency and intensity. The role of the Soviet Union in the area is of special concern to the free world countries that rely on Middle Eastern oil.

In order to have a better understanding of this problem, we need to know more about the international policy of the Soviet Union and how oil fits into the picture.

Since the 1960's, Soviet leaders have been trying to modernize their country's economy. Since "peaceful coexistence" began melting the Cold War betwen the Soviets and the free world, the Soviets have used improved relations to import the Western technology they need to modernize. To balance these imports, the Soviets needed exports.

The Soviets have long been self-sufficient in oil. In fact, the Soviet Union is the world's leading producer of oil. (Saudi Arabia is second; the U.S. is third.) Because they could produce more than they needed, oil became a key Soviet export.

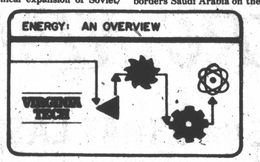
Exporting oil has not only given the Soviets the money they need to pay for imports, it has also increased their political influence. They sell oil to other communist countries, to Third World countries and even to Western nations. During the Arab oil embargo, an oil-hungry U.S. bought oil from the Soviets.

The Soviets often gain economic influence over Third World countries by selling them oil at cut rates, then increasing prices as the countries come under their influence.

By buying oil from OPEC countries and reselling it, the Soviets have increased their role in the world oil market even more.

The Central Intelligence Agency has predicted that by the mid-1980's the Soviet Union may peak in its oil production. This is because the Soviets still lag considerably behind the Western countries in the technology needed to drill for oil, and because they give the military priority access to materials. Priorities may change, of course, if oil output does start to fall.

Any decrease of Soviet oil output may heighten Soviet interest in the Middle Eastern oil-producing countries. Already, along with its expanding role in the oil market has gone a geographical expansion of Soviet/communist influence in the Persian Gulf region.



The Soviet Union itself is only a few hundred miles from the Persian Gulf oilfields. It borders Iran on the north and has occupied Afghanistan, which borders Iran on the east. Iraq, which borders both Iran and Saudi Arabia, has military ties to the Soviets.

South Yemen, which borders Saudi Arabia on the south, has a Marxist government with close ties to the Soviet Union. Across the Red Sea from Saudi Arabia is Ethiopia, which has also come under Soviet influence. The Soviet Union and countries under its influence thus encircle the Persian Gulf nations, while the U.S. is on the other side of the world, many thousands of miles away.

Even if the Soviets do not actually take military action to gain control of the Persian Gulf oilfields, their presence in the area may make the oil-producers and their customers more accomodating towards them.

This political situation makes perhaps the strongest argument for a move away from Middle Eastern oil dependence by Western nations. Continued reliance on Middle Eastern oil could place the West in a vulnerable position, as the 1973 oil embargo taught us.

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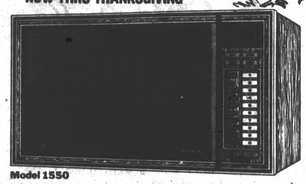

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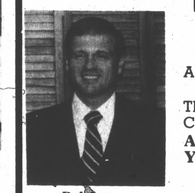

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